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LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, October 7, 2008

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 07, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3.

Commission President, William Hager, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Commission President, William Hager, Commission Vice President, Michael Bohacek, LaPorte County Auditor, Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Attorney, Robert Szilagyi, and Executive Secretary, Reathel Noveroske. Absent, Commission Member, Barbara Huston.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Bohacek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hager, we are removing number B under New Business, Ken Herceg, President of Ken Herceg & Associates, Inc./Courthouse Exterior Restoration-Lawsuit Preparation.

Mr. Hager, under New Business, add B, closing Fridays after Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by the chair, motion carried by voice vote 2-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2008, as presented, seconded by the chair, motion carried by voice vote 2-0.

WEEKLY REPORTS

Commissioners review and sign the weekly reports during the meeting.

CLAIMS

Payroll Ending October 3, 2008 & October 17, 2008, Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve, seconded by the chair, motion carried by roll call vote, 2-0.

Miscellaneous Claims— \$ 641,473.15, Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve, seconded by the chair, motion carried by roll call vote, 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

Fred Marvel, Sergeant, LaPorte County Sheriff's Department/Request Pay for Unused Sick Days

Mr. Hager, we have a letter here requesting he be paid unused sick days in the amount of 480 hours upon his retirement on October 10, 2008.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve, seconded by the chair, motion carried by roll call vote, 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Setting Speed Limit on a portion of Country Club Drive (Held over for second reading)

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve on the second reading, seconded by the chair, motion carried by voice vote, 2-0.

Ordinance #2008-20

William Hedge, Attorney/Dolan & Spurling to Vacate Locust Lane in McCarty Acres Subdivision. (Held over for second reading)

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve on the second reading, seconded by the chair, motion carried by voice vote 2-0.

Ordinance #2008-19

Dave Lamb, Michigan City Fire Chief/Donation for Training Tower Facility (Tabled)

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to leave on the table.

Mr. Hager, we will leave this on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Layton, LaPorte County Treasurer/Contract for Credit Card Payments

Mr. Ken Layton, I would like to introduce Patricia Harris, local representative for the company, Central Payment Corporation.

Mrs. Harris, I represent my own business which is a Credit Card processing business, Central Payment Corporation out of California. I am an independent agent. If you look in the proposal, I outlined the available services. We are basically looking at Debit Card and Credit Card processing. We also have electronic check conversion available. If you will look at the fee structure, basically you are looking at an estimated proposal, based on 10% of your current transactions. You are looking at the bundled structure and the unbundled structure. The difference is, on the unbundled structure you get a lower rate but an additional per item fee. The bundle rate has the per item fee included in it. The ATM pin debit card rate is the rate of the actual debit card transaction. The check card rate, when they are using a debit card but not entering a pin number, it goes to the next rate which is 1.49%. Costs to your office for this service can be passed on to those that wish to use it through a surcharge. The law states that everyone is charged the same.

Mr. Bohacek, can we have a different tier for business or commercial vs. a residential property?

Mr. Layton, our software does not have that capability. It does it on the Assessor's side of the software, but not on the Treasurer's side.

Mrs. Harris, as long as the surcharge is the same in each classification & category; you can.

Mr. Layton, the County has to be assured it is collecting all the funds.

Mr. Szilagyi, I know there are some other offices looking at this for traffic fines, payment of judgments, citations & etc.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to table until the next meeting, seconded by the chair, motion carried by voice vote, 2-0.

Mr. Layton, for your information, I have talked this over with Mrs. Hawkins, the new LaPorte County Treasurer, and she is on board with it.

Closing the Friday after Thanksgiving, the Friday after Christmas and the Friday after New Year's Day

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to close the county buildings for those three days, which are typically slow traffic days anyway, seconded by the chair, motion carried by voice vote 2-0.

Intermodal Task Force Appointment

Mr. Hager, we have a letter from Jim Stemmler, he wishes to be put on the intermodal task force. We have several openings on there.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to put Jim Stemmler on the task force, seconded by Mr. Hager, motion carried by voice vote, 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Mr. Hager adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

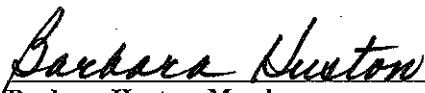
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ATTEST: 

Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Auditor